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**Subject:** Deny the 401 water certification permit

Governor Cooper & DEQ Secretary Regan:

I'm writing to ask you to deny the 401 water certification permit that would enable Duke Energy and Dominion Resources to construct the ACP.

Enabling the perpetuation of energy generation built on the foundation of fossil fuels in the face of anthropogenic climate disruption and the myriad of problems related to it only hastens the demise of the planet, its flora and fauna and human civilization as we know it. The time to put planet and people before profit and power is long overdue. The time to champion the common good and justice for all is now.

The "methane menace" that is Duke Energy's business plan as it puts all its rotten eggs into the fracked gas basket is hardly better than burning coal in the short term picture of global warming due to the greenhouse gas effect. We no longer have the luxury of continuing with "business as usual" when faced with the fierce urgency of now that is called for. The inevitable transition to renewables over fossil fuels (and especially methane) must be moved along aggressively over the next couple of decades if we are to have any chance of salvaging life as we know it.

The amount of [methane that is leaked](#) in the totality of the fracking process as it is now managed (and will continue to be in the future) and the threats to safety and health that it incurs make it a false solution for meeting current and future energy needs. Once released from the earth (or livestock) into the atmosphere, [methane over the short term is like CO2 on steroids](#).

The building of the ACP may be good deal for Duke Energy's bottom line, but it's a lousy deal for the common good... right at the bottom of the barrel.

Deny 401.

Sincerely,  
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